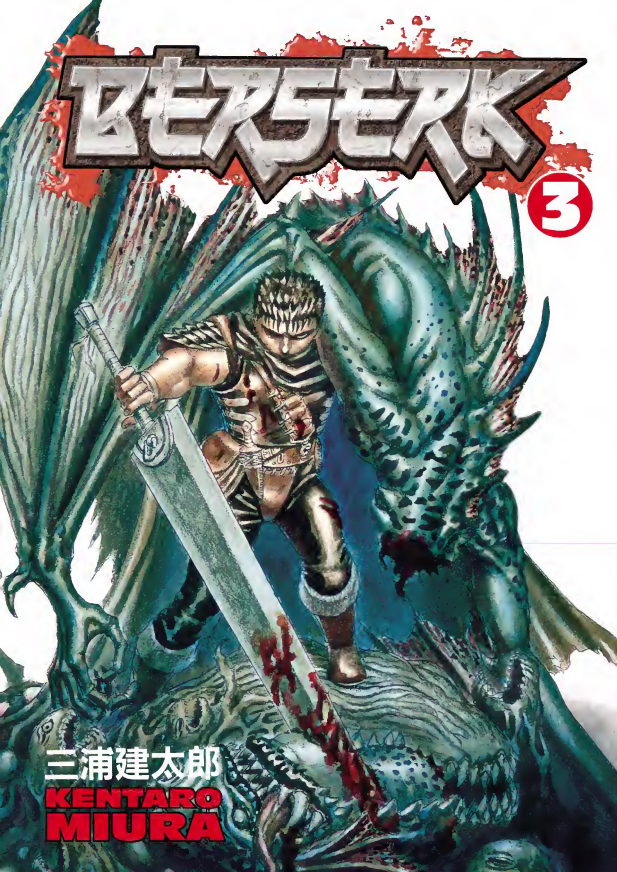


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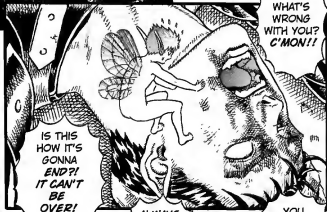
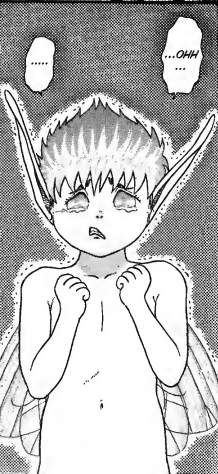


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欲望の守護天使(4)

THE GUARDIANS OF DESIRE, CHAPTER 4







HOW
FRAGILE
YOU...

...
HUMANS.

NO
MATTER HOW
MUCH YOU'VE
TRIED TO HONE
YOUR SKILLS.
YOU'VE COME
TO THE LIMIT
OF YOUR
PATHETIC
HUMAN FORM...



WH...

...WHAT
DID YOU
SAY?!



...!!



LOOK
WHO'S
BRAGGIN'...

WHAT
THE HELL
DID YOU
SAY?!

...
BALDY!!



...YOU
YOURSELF
USED TO
BE ONE OF
THOSE
FRAGILE
HUMANS!!

Y-YOU
YOURSELF...

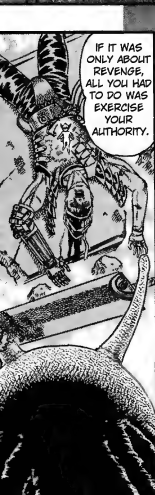


IT...
IT'S
TRUE!!

THERESIA TOLD ME!!
HOW YOU WENT CRAZY
AFTER YOUR WIFE
WAS KILLED SEVEN
YEARS AGO!!



WHAT'S
THAT...?



IF IT WAS
ONLY ABOUT
REVENGE,
ALL YOU HAD
TO DO WAS
EXERCISE
YOUR
AUTHORITY.



BUT...

...THAT
WASN'T
THE ONLY
REASON.



...YOU
ACQUIRED
THOSE
POWERS
SO YOU
COULD GET
REVENGE
ON THE
HERETICS,
DIDN'T
YOU?!

Y-
YOU...





YOU THREW
AWAY YOUR
HUMANITY!!

TO
RUN
AWAY
FROM
YOURSELF...!!

THE
TRUTH
IS...

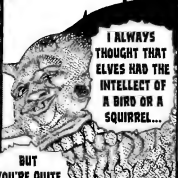
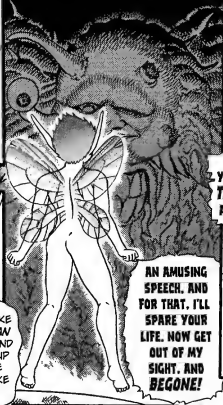
...YOU
BECAME
THIS *THING*
TO RUN AWAY
FROM THE
PAIN INSIDE
YOUR OWN
HEART!!

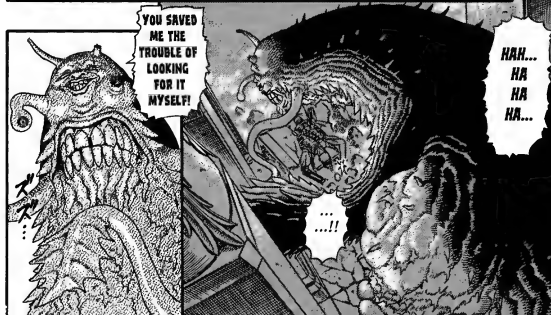
IF ANYONE'S
A FRAGILE
HUMAN,
IT'S YOU!!



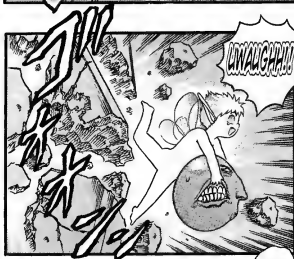
HA HA HA...
WHAT A
SURPRISE.

...
...!!







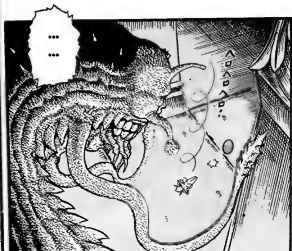




THAT'S
RIGHT...

IF I'M
FLYING,
YOU CAN'T
POSSIBLY...

FOOL!
PATHETIC
ELF!! IF YOU
WISH TO DIE
THAT MUCH,
SO BE IT !!



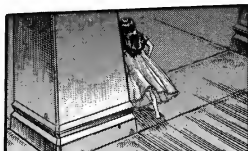




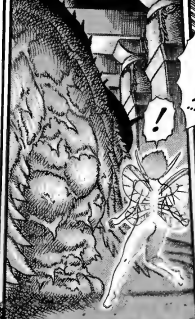


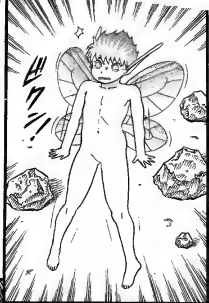
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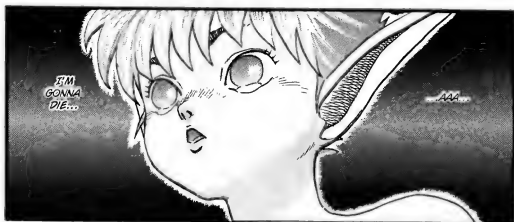
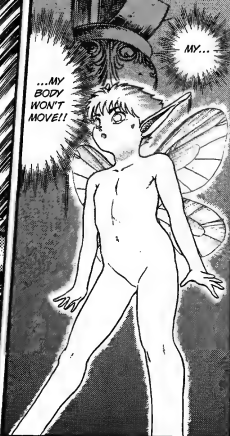
AAAAA!

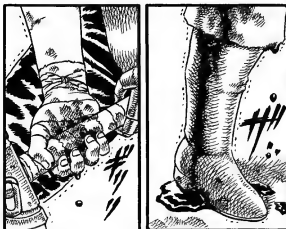




















JUST
LIKE
YOU...

IF YOU
WANNA STOP
ME, YOU'RE
GONNA HAVE
TO CRUSH
MY SKULL
OR PIERCE
MY HEART.

NOT GOOD
ENOUGH,
JUST TWO
OR THREE
BROKEN
BONES
...

...SLUG!



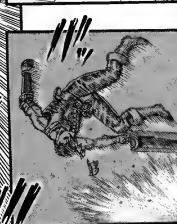
NO MERCY
FOR YOU,
WORM...!!

NO
MERCY...!!





-GUGGHI!-



...!!

WHAT'S HE
THINKING?
IT'S JUST
GETTING
WORSE AND
WORSE!!



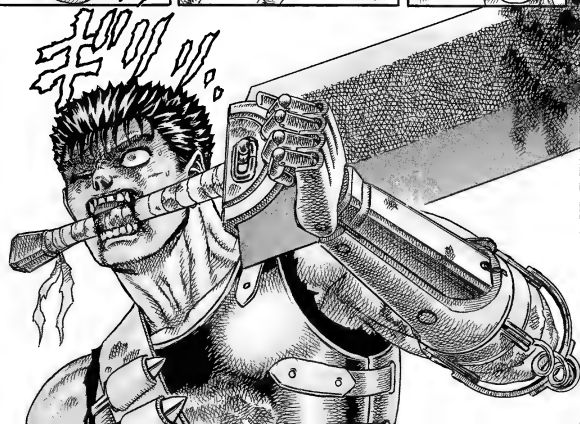








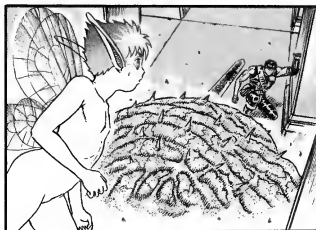
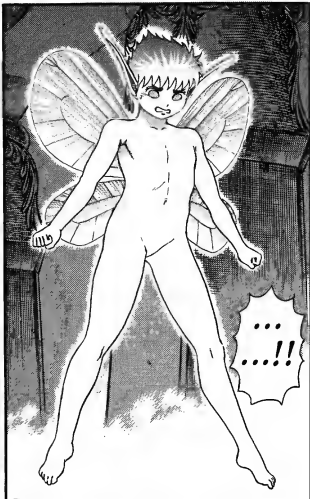
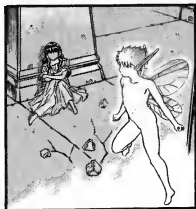














HE WAS
COUNTING
ON TAKING
THERESIA AS
A HOSTAGE
ALL
ALONG!

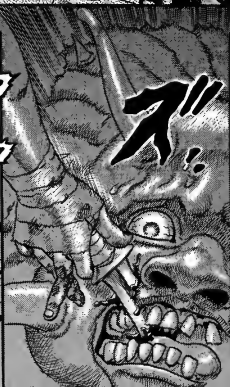


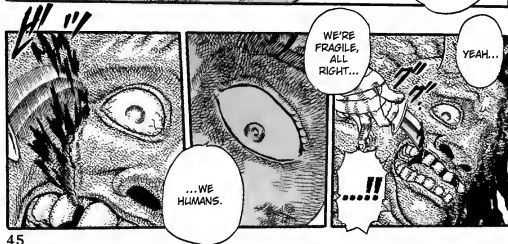
HE
PLAN-
NED
THAT...



**DAMN
YOUUU
!!!**

**DAMN
YOU....!!**









S-STOP...
PLEASE...!!



AAAAH!!



STOP?
DON'T BE SO
SHY.



LET'S GIVE
YOUR SWEET
LITTLE
DAUGHTER
A LOOK AT
THAT PROUD
FACE NOW.

...ALWAYS
SO
STUCK UP,
COUNT.

...
!!

...AT
A BODY
THAT
DOESN'T
DIE!!

TAKE
A
GOOD
HARD
LOOK...





**YOU
REALLY
DON'T
DIE,
DO
YOU?!**

**YOU
REALLY
ARE
SUPER-
HUMAN!!**

AMAZING!

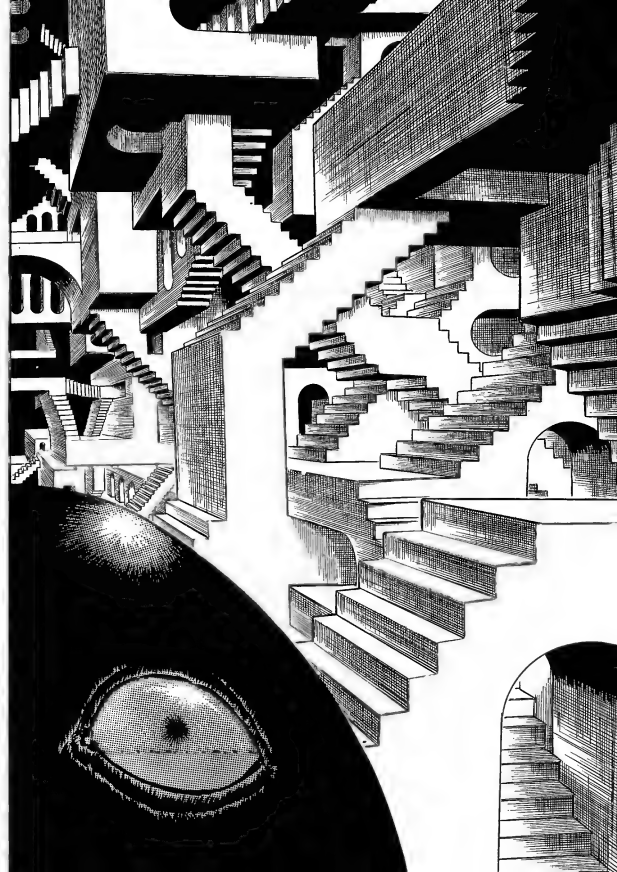


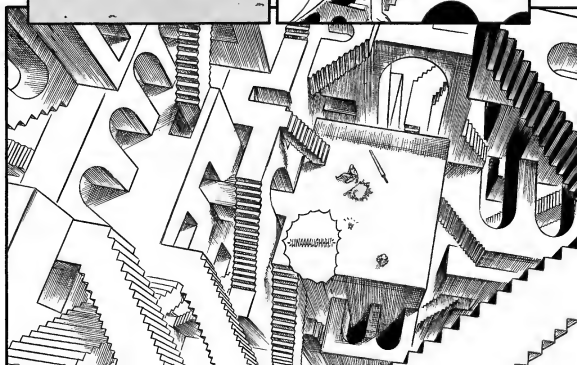
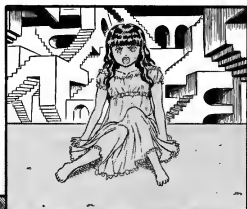




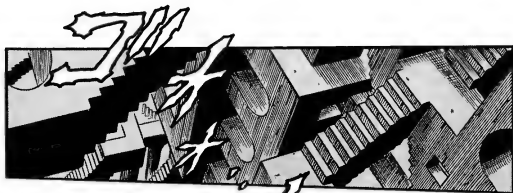










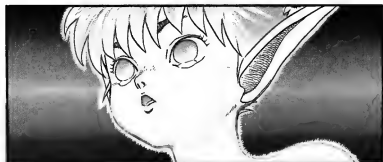


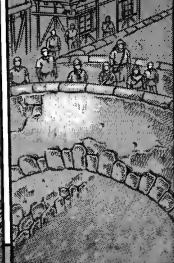




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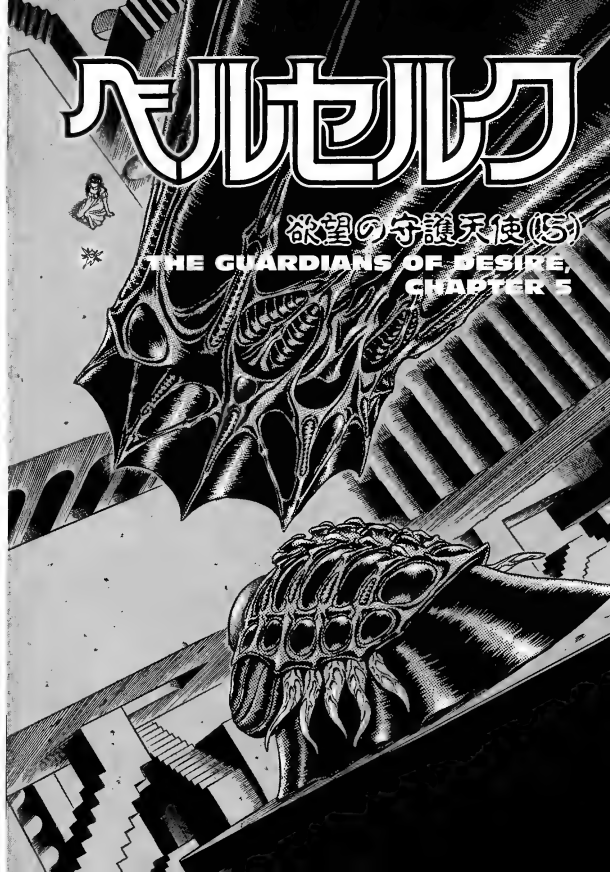






メルカ



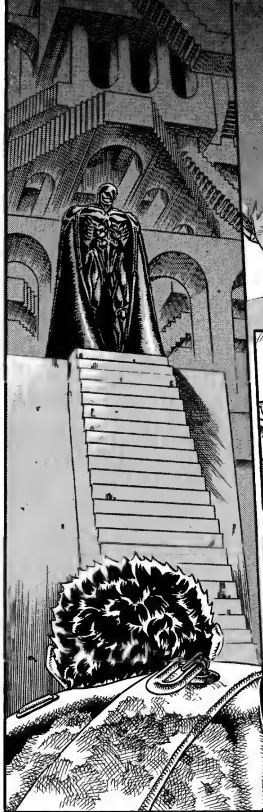


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THE GUARDIANS OF DESIRE,
CHAPTER 5





THAT'S
THE
GOD-
HAND
...?!

AAA
...!!



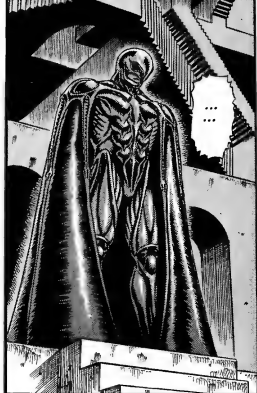
...
...!!



GRIFFITH
.....!!

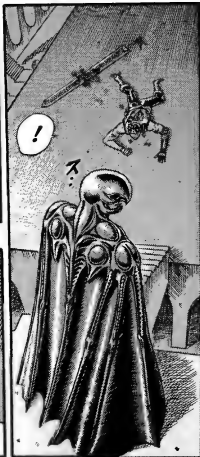


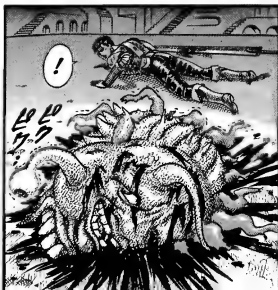


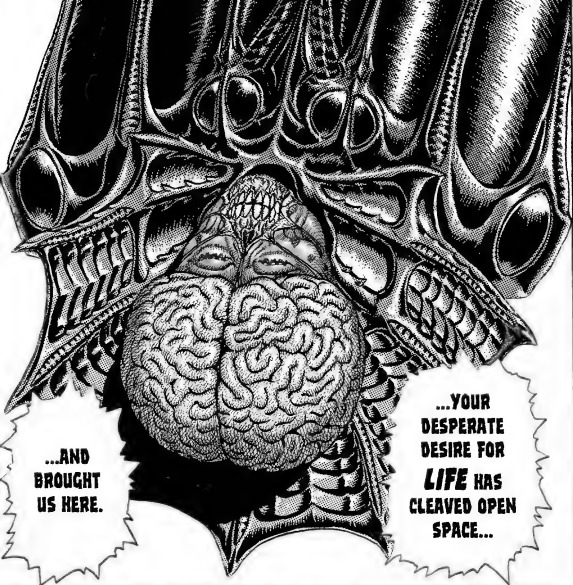


GRIFFITH ...
WHO'S
GRIFFITH...?









...AND
BROUGHT
US HERE.

...YOUR
DESPERATE
DESIRE FOR
LIFE HAS
CLEAVED OPEN
SPACE...



ARCHANGEL
VOID...!!



...
...!!



AVENGE ME
UPON HIM,
PLEASE!!

PLEASE
GRANT ME
MY WISH!! **TAKE
THAT MAN'S
LIFE...**



IT'S NOT
BASED ON ANY
PERSONAL
HATRED
FOR THAT
MAN.

YOUR DESIRE, WHICH HAS
CLEAVED OPEN SPACE,
IS NOTHING MORE THAN
AN OVERATTACHMENT
TO **LIFE** AND A FEAR
OF **DEATH.**

B-BUT THAT MAN, HE'S
THE ONE THEY CALL THE
BLACK SWORDSMAN!
THE ONE WHO'S DESTROYED
SO MANY APOSTLES OF
THE GODHAND... **YOU
SHOULD CONSIDER HIM
A HATED ENEMY!**



WE HAVE COME HITHER
TO GRANT YOU YOUR
DEEPEST DESIRE. YOU WHO
HAVE BEEN **ORDAINED**
BY THE LAWS OF FATE.

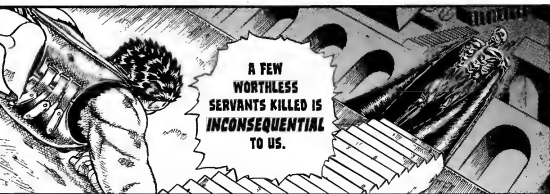


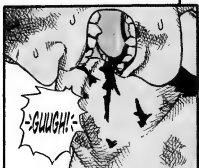
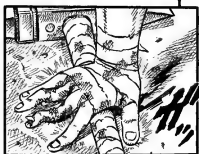
WH-
WHY?!

!

WE
CAN'T
DO
THAT.





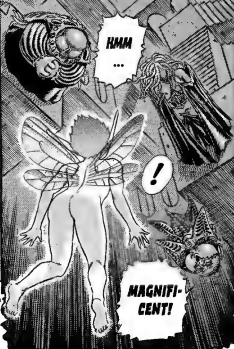






HE CAN
STAND UP
WITH ALL
THOSE
INJURIES...

**FASCIN-
ATING!!**



HMM
...

**MAGNIFI-
CENT!**



GUTS
...!!

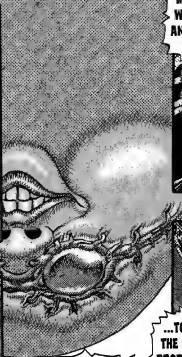


SUCH
IMPRESSIVE
WILL POWER
AND FIGHTING
SPIRIT.



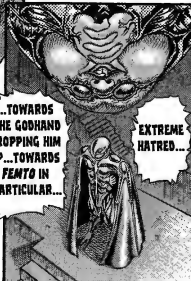
...HOW LONG
WILL HE
LAST?

...AND
YET...



WHO, AFTER ALL,
IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR MARKING
HIM WITH THE
BRAND...

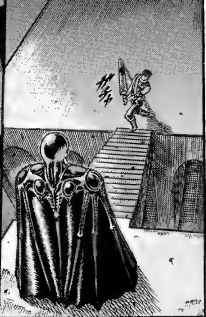
...TOWARDS
THE GODHAND
PROPPING HIM
UP...TOWARDS
FEMTO IN
PARTICULAR...



EXTREME
HATRED...



THANKS
TO ME,
WHO'S
FIGHTING
AN ARMY
OF THE
DEAD
BECAUSE
OF YOU...!!



MY
PETTY
EXISTENCE
...?

DON'T
MAKE
ME
LAUGH!



YOU'RE
WHERE YOU
ARE NOW
THANKS TO
THIS PETTY
EXISTENCE...

THANKS
TO ME,
WHO'S
WRITHING
AROUND
IN MY OWN
BLOOD!!



GRIFFITH!!

YOU STAND
THERE PUTTING
ON AIRS LIKE
YOU'RE SOME
KIND OF
GODLY
BEING!!





WHAT
HAPPENED
BETWEEN
THOSE
TWO...?

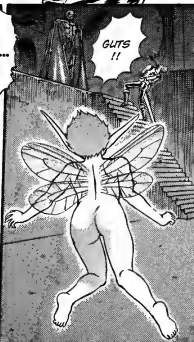




DON'T YOU KNOW THAT
YOUR **BRAND** RESPONDS
TO **DEMONKIND** AND
CAUSES YOU **PAIN**?



FOOL...





FOR LESSER
DEMONS, YOU
MIGHT FEEL LITTLE
MORE THAN A
NEEDLE PRICK...

...BUT THE
GREATER THE DEMON.
THE GREATER THE
RESPONSE, INCREASING
YOUR PAIN
WITHOUT END...



...THE PAIN
MIGHT EVEN
KILL YOU!

...AND IF
THAT DEMON
IS TOO GREAT...



...THAT'S
AS FAR
AS YOU
GO...













I'M
SURE HE'S
HARDLY
EVEN
AWARE.

WHAT
TREMENDOUS
FIGHTING SPIRIT!
THE FACT THAT
HE COULD EVEN
SWING HIS SWORD
AMIDST ALL
THAT PAIN...



INCRED-
IBLE!



...HE'S
FINISHED.

BESIDES
...

AND DON'T
FORGET HIS BODY
IS COVERED IN
WOUNDS AFTER
HIS FIGHT
WITH THE
COUNT!

BUT HE HASN'T
BEEN ORDAINED
BY THE LAWS
OF FATE...

IF THAT
BOY BECAME
ONE OF OURS
...I'D LOVE
IT!

...SO HE
CAN'T BE
AMONG US.



ENOUGH
OF
THE
SIDESHOW.



IT SEEMS
I HAVE
UNINTENTIONALLY
GRANTED
YOUR WISH.
COUNT.



I'M SO
GRATEFUL...

AH!



IT IS TIME
TO PERFORM
**THE
INVOCATION
OF DOOM!**



COUNT!



**A
SACRIFICE!**



**...THE BLACK
SWORDSMAN...**

**F-FOR
THAT. YOU
CAN USE...**





THAT MAN
HAS ALREADY
BEEN MARKED
FOR SACRIFICE.



B-BUT
WHY...?



WHAT'S
MORE, THE
BOY IS
MERELY
YOUR
ENEMY.



NOT
GOOD
ENOUGH,
COUNT!



BY MAKING
SUCH A
SACRIFICE TO
DEMONKIND...

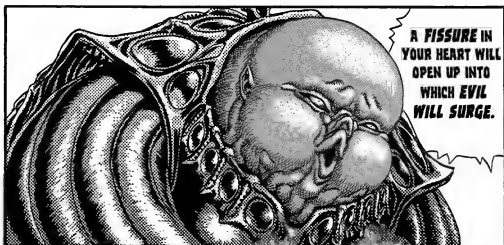


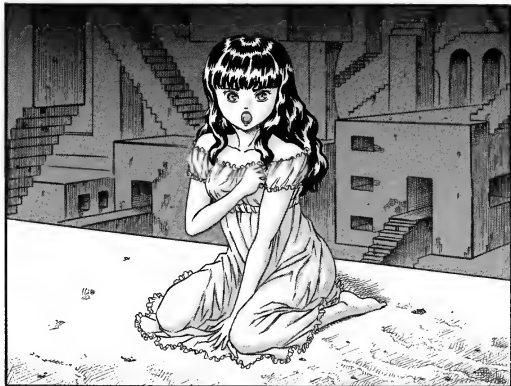
...YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO SEVER
ANY LAST
REMNANTS OF
YOUR OWN
HUMANITY.



AS A SACRIFICIAL
OFFERING FOR THE
INVOCATION OF DOOM,
NOT JUST ANY LUMP
OF FLESH AND
BLOOD WILL DO.

IT MUST BE
SOMEONE IMPORTANT
TO YOU, PART OF
YOUR SOUL...SOMEONE
SO CLOSE TO YOU
THAT IT'S ALMOST
LIKE GIVING UP A
PART OF YOU.







W-WAIT,
PLEASE...!!



IF IT WERE ANYONE
ELSE, ANY OTHER
PERSON I'D--!! BUT
MY DAUGHTER...
THERESIA
...?!



NOOOO!!

NO...



JUST
DO WHAT
YOU DID
LAST TIME!

DON'T
BE SO
UPSET.

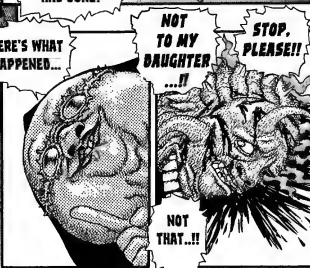
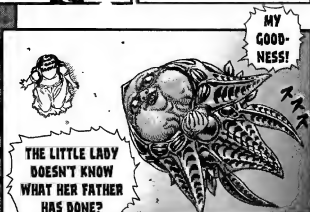


...
...!!



THAT'S
RIGHT...

ANY OTHER
PERSON
WOULD BE
MEANINGLESS.
COUNT!





JUST OPENED
**TIME AND
SPACE** FOR
A LITTLE
LOOK-SEE!

WHAT'S
...?



THIS WAS THE
COUNT SEVEN
YEARS AGO. A
BIT MORE TRIM.
I MIGHT ADD.



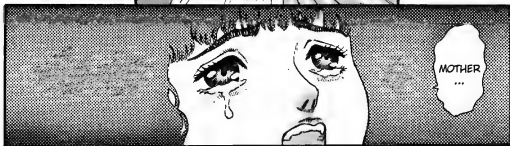
**IT'S YOU
AND YOUR
MOTHER.**

...BEHOLD!



AND

...





AS IT
WOULD
SEEM...



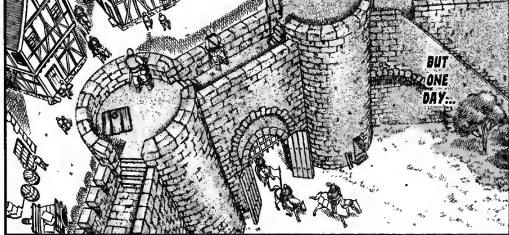
STOPPP!



HENCE,
HE WAS
OFTEN
AWAY
FROM THE
CASTLE.



AT THE TIME,
THE LAND WAS
OVERRUN BY
PAGANS. IN AN
ATTEMPT TO
DESTROY THE
HERETICS, THE
COUNT HUNTED
THEM DOWN
THROUGHOUT HIS
KINGDOM.







**IT
WAS AN
UNCANNY
SIGHT.**

**IN THE MIDST
OF A STRANGE
STENCH AND A
WAVE OF HEAT,
A SEA OF FLESH
SQUIRMED IN A
TANGLED MASS...**

**...TOWERING
ABOVE IT ALL
WAS THE STATUE
OF A GROTESQUE
GOD WITH THE
HEAD OF A
GOAT...**

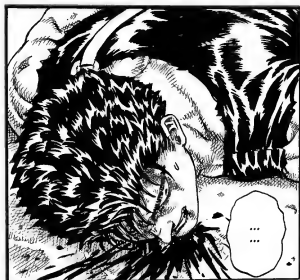
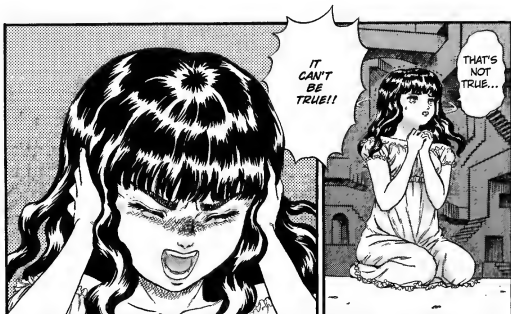


...AND
ENTWINED AROUND
THAT GOD, AS
IF CLINGING TO IT,
WAS THE FIGURE
OF A WOMAN
WRITHING IN
ECSTASY...



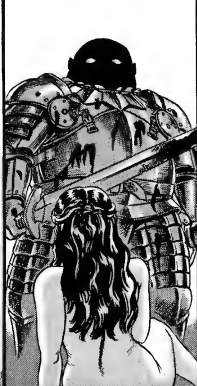
IT WAS THE
FIGURE OF
THE WOMAN
HE LOVED
ABOVE ALL
ELSE.

...CONTORTING
HER FACE IN
PLEASURE.













...DROVE YOU
TO THE
DEPTHS OF
DESPAIR.

AND
SEEING THE
TRIUMPHANT,
KNOWING SMILE
OF YOUR
BETRAYER...



...WAS
PART
OF THE
WHEEL OF
FATE.

HOW-
EVER...

...TO
ESCAPE
THAT
DESPAIR.

YOU
DECIDED TO
END YOUR
OWN LIFE...

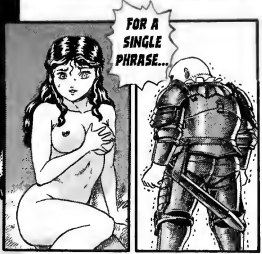
...YOUR
DESPAIR
ITSELF...





**THE WAILING OF
YOUR SOUL, WHICH
COULD NEVER BE
EASED BY THE GODS
OF THIS WORLD, OPENED
UP A PORTAL TO ANOTHER
DIMENSION.**







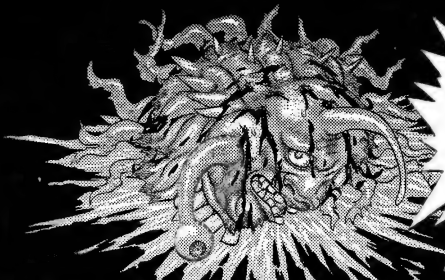


**YES...
INDEED,
YOU SAID
IT!!**

**I OFFER
THIS
WOMAN
FOR
SACRIFICE.**

**SO
THAT YOU
COULD BURY
YOUR FRAGILE
HUMAN HEART.**

**THE LIFE YOU COULDN'T TAKE
BY YOUR OWN HAND, THE
LIFE OF THE PERSON YOU LOVED
THE MOST AND HATED THE MOST!!
YOU GAVE IT TO US!!**

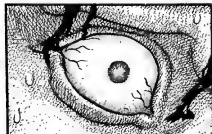


SO THAT
YOU COULD
TRANSCEND
YOUR VERY
HUMANITY!!



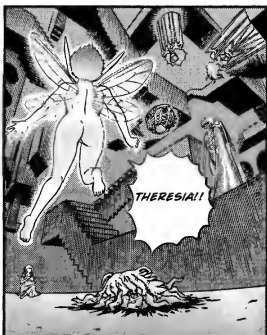


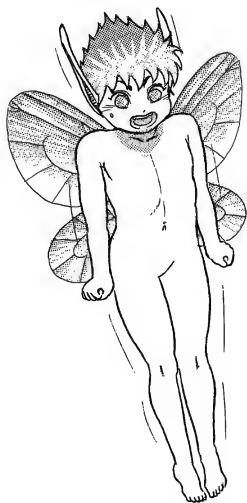
WE
SHALL
GRANT
YOU YOUR
BURNING
DESIRE....!!

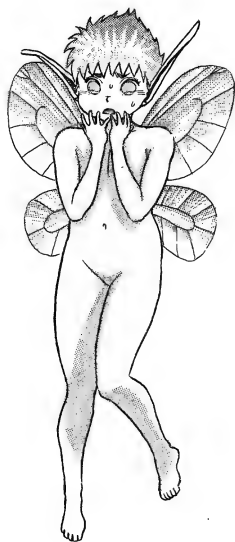


AA...

AAGHH!!









OUR
LIVES
SPENT...

AND
WE ALL
DISAPPEAR
IN THE
END...

NEVER
EVEN
KNOWING
WHO WE
WERE.

ON THE
BATTLEFIELD,
THE LIFE OF
A COMMON
SOLDIER ISN'T
EVEN WORTH
A SINGLE
PIECE OF
SILVER.

MARTYR-
DOM FOR
A MERCY-
LESS
GOD.

WHAT
A
WASTE.

IN TODAY'S
WORLD, MOST
PEOPLE'S LIVES
ARE SUBJECT
TO THE WHIMS
OF A HANDFUL
OF NOBILITY
AND ROYALTY.

...EVEN A KING
HIMSELF
CAN'T LIVE
EXACTLY
AS HE
PLEASES.

OF
COURSE
...

...FATE, OR
WHATEVER
YOU WISH TO
CALL IT...

WE ARE
ALL AT
THE
MERCY OF
A GREAT
TIDE...



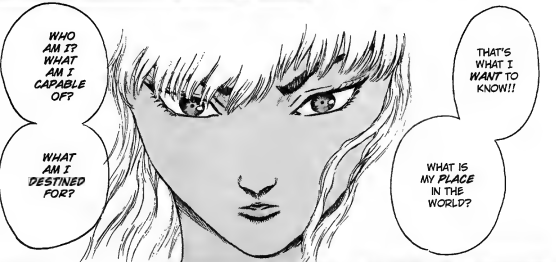
THEY ARE THE TRUE ELITE,
AS DICTATED BY THE GOLDEN
RULE OF THE UNIVERSE.



IN LIFE,
UNRELATED TO
ONE'S SOCIAL
STANDING OR CLASS
AS DETERMINED BY
MAN, THERE ARE
SOME PEOPLE WHO,
BY NATURE, ARE
KEYS THAT SET
THE WORLD IN
MOTION.



...



WHO
AM I?
WHAT
AM I
CAPABLE
OF?

WHAT
AM I
DESTINED
FOR?

THAT'S
WHAT I
WANT TO
KNOW!!

WHAT IS
MY PLACE
IN THE
WORLD?



IT'S
FUNNY...

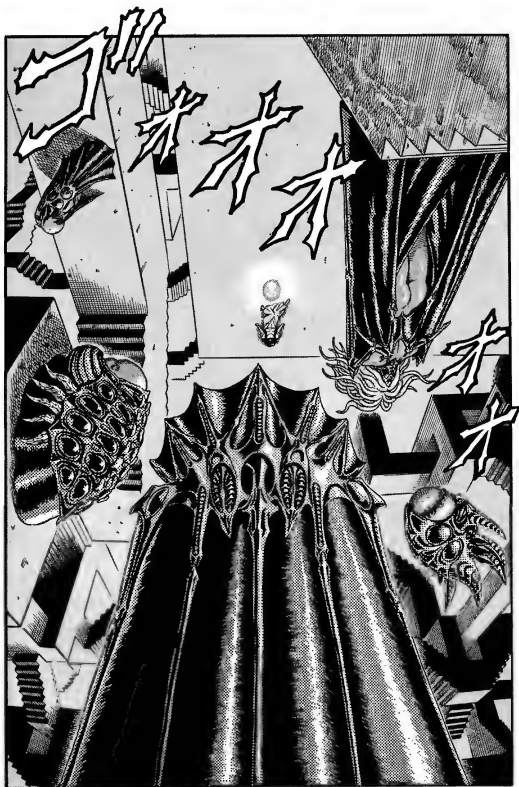
AT THAT TIME,
HE SHONE BEFORE
ME AS SOMETHING
BEAUTIFUL, NOBLE,
AND LARGER THAN
LIFE.

YOU'RE
THE FIRST
PERSON
I'VE EVER
SPOKEN
TO LIKE
THIS.

天使の守護

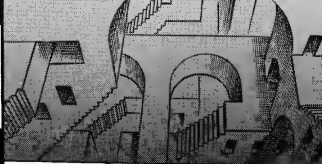
欲望の守護天使 (6)

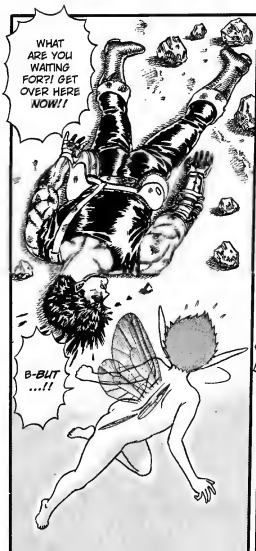
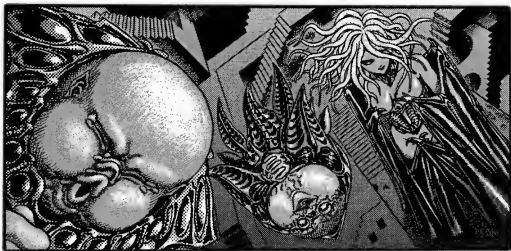
THE GUARDIANS OF DESIRE,
CHAPTER 6



DO YOU
OFFER THIS
GIRL AS A
SACRIFICE TO
DEMONKIND.
OR NOT?!

COME
NOW,
SPEAK
IT!!







THAT'S WHAT
YOU'RE GOOD
FOR, ISN'T
IT?!



IF YOU
DON'T WANT
THAT TO
HAPPEN,
HURRY UP
AND HEAL
MY ARM!



OR ELSE
YOUR PRECIOUS
FRIEND'S GONNA
GET **BRANDED**
WITH ONE OF
THESE
THINGS.



I'M
BENEATH
YOUR
NOTICE,
HUH?



THIS
PETTY
EXISTENCE
IS BENEATH
YOUR
NOTICE?



THESIA

...



YOU ALREADY
BELONG TO US, EVEN
AFTER YOU DIE.
DON'T THINK YOU'LL
BE RESTING IN
PEACE IN THE
AFTERWORLD.



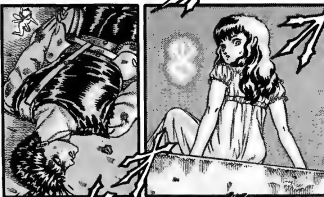
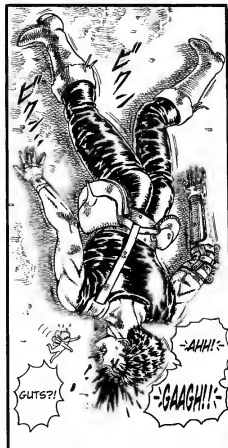
IF YOU KEEP THIS UP,
BEFORE YOU KNOW IT,
YOUR LIFE WILL
SNUFF OUT.



WHAT'S
WRONG,
COUNT?!

WHY
ARE YOU
HESITAT-
ING?!







IT'S
ENORMOUS...!!
AN ENDLESS
SWIRL OF
CONSCIOUS-
NESS...?!

WHAT
IS
IT?!

...
...!!



...AS
IF ALL
THE EVIL IN
THE WORLD
WERE
GATHERED
HERE.

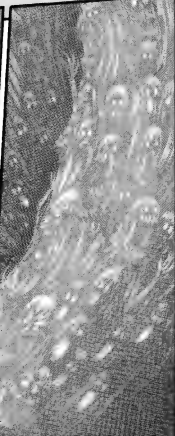
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ENDLESS
AND
EVIL...

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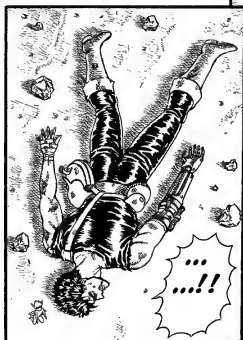






BUT
IT IS,
COUNT...

OH NO,
TH-THAT'S
NOT...



...
...!!



THIS
IS...

...
HELL!!!

IT'S ONLY
A SMALL
PORTION.
OF COURSE...

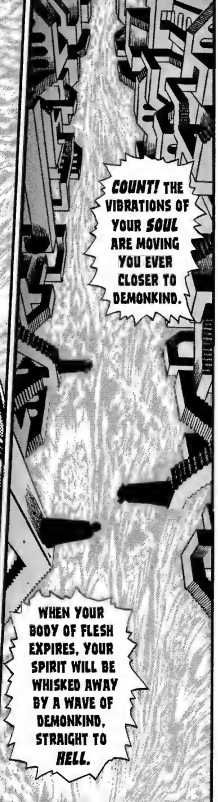


**BEFORE LONG,
YOU WON'T EVEN
BE ABLE TO
PRESERVE ANY
FINAL REMNANTS
OF YOUR
INDIVIDUAL SELF.**



**LIKE A DROP
OF WATER, YOU'LL
SIMPLY DISSOLVE,
BECOMING NO MORE
THAN ANOTHER
SWELL IN AN
OCEAN OF
DARK SOULS.**

**AND YOU
SHALL WANDER
WITHIN THAT
DARK SWIRL
OF SOULS
FOR ALL
ETERNITY.**



**COUNT! THE
VIBRATIONS OF
YOUR SOUL
ARE MOVING
YOU EVER
CLOSER TO
DEMONKIND.**

**WHEN YOUR
BODY OF FLESH
EXPIRES, YOUR
SPIRIT WILL BE
WHISKED AWAY
BY A WAVE OF
DEMONKIND,
STRAIGHT TO
HELL.**



CAUGHT
UP WITH
DEMON-
KIND...



THAT'S THE
FATE OF THOSE
WHO GET CAUGHT
UP WITH
DEMONKIND.



...GUTS...?!

DOES
THAT
MEAN...



...
!!



...
...!!



BE REBORN,
LIVING AMONG
DEMONS AND
CONTINUING YOUR
EXISTENCE AMONG
DEMONKIND...

ONLY
TWO PATHS
REMAIN
OPEN TO
YOU.

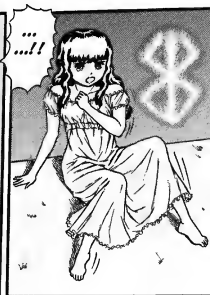
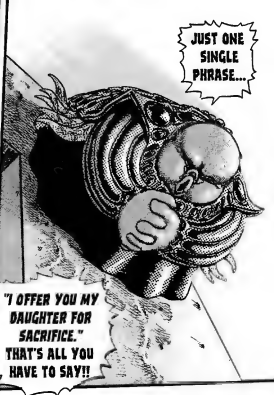


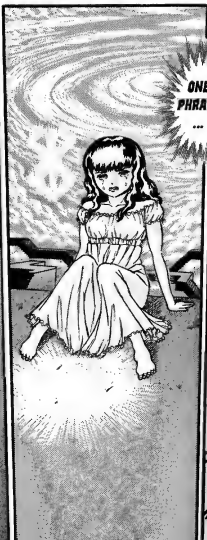
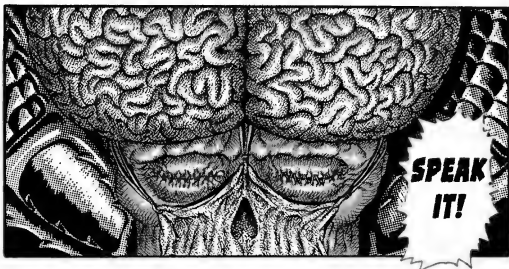
COUNT!



...AND
REVERT TO
NOTHINGNESS!!

...OR
HAVE THAT
EXISTENCE
ABSORBED BY
DEMONKIND...





IS THIS THE END
FOR ME...? ONLY
TO DIE AS SOME
CARVED-UP MONSTER.
WRETCHED AND
HORRIBLE...?

SO COLD...
ALL MY BLOOD
IS FLOWING OUT
OF MY BODY...

...FOR ALL
ETERNITY...?

ONLY TO
BE SUCKED
INTO THAT
VORTEX...

NO...

NO
...!!

...DIE
...!!!!

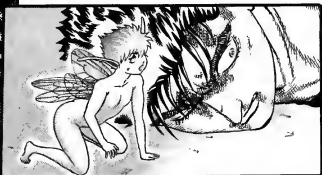
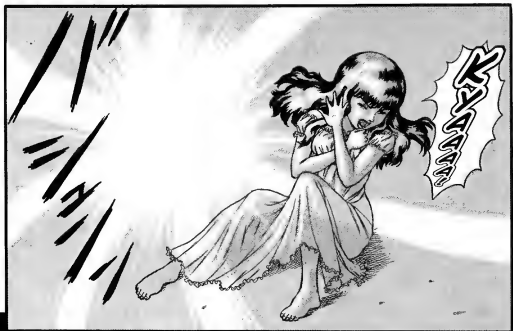
I
DON'T
WANT
TO...



FATHER
...

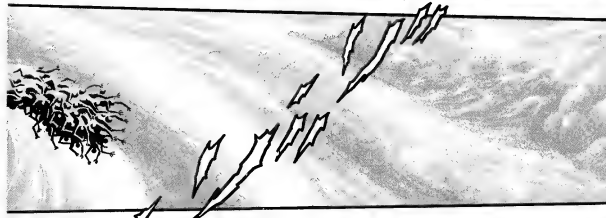
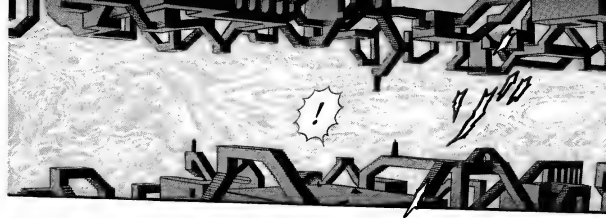
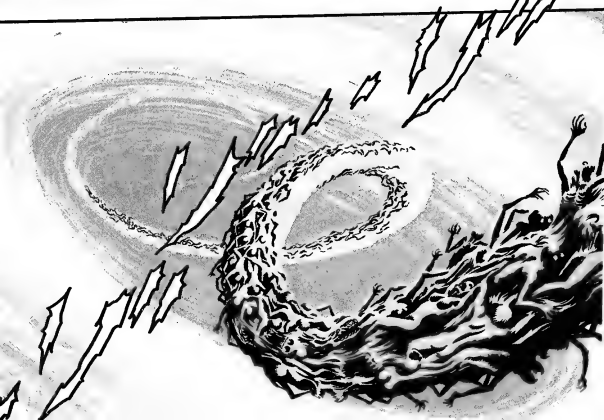
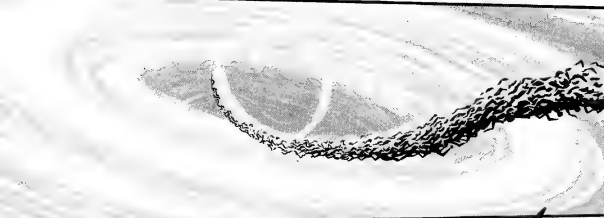


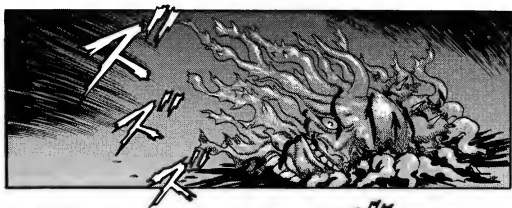




THE
THREAD
OF FATE
HAS BEEN
SEVERED.



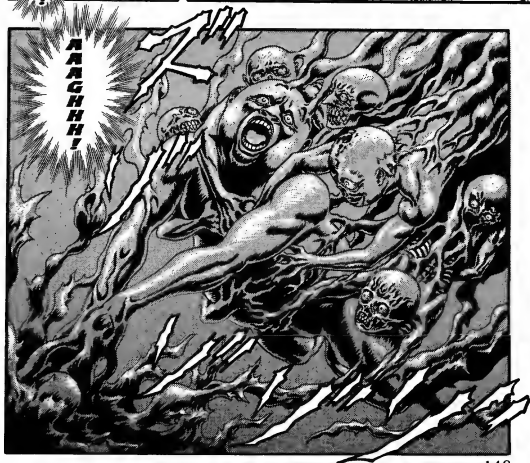


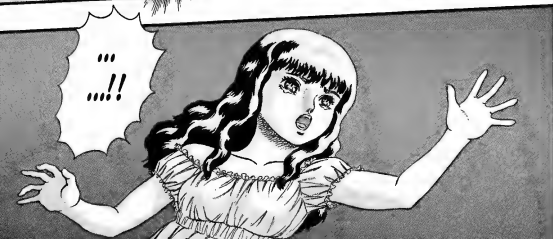




THE
DEAD ARE
DRAGGING
THE COUNT
DOWN TO
HELL?!





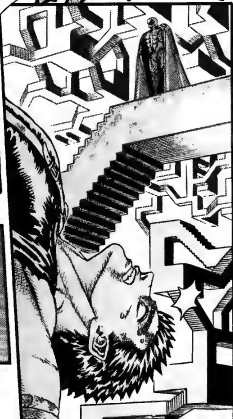


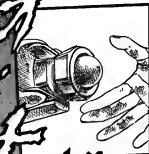
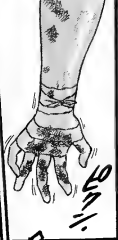




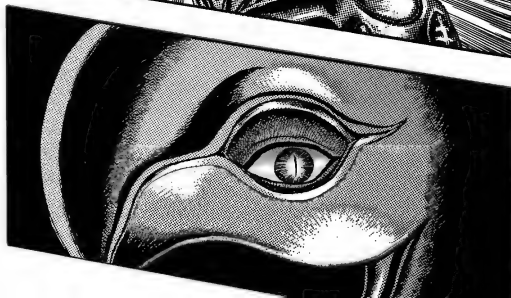
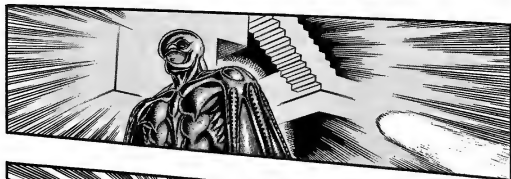


THAT'S
RIGHT...!!
GUTS HAS
THE
BRAND
...!!





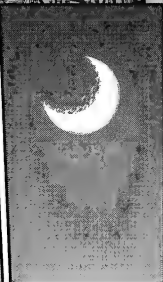


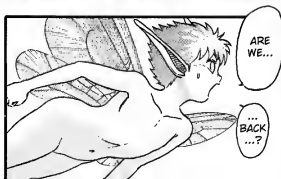
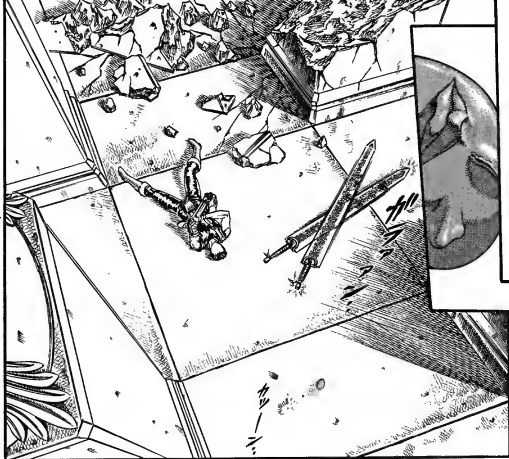




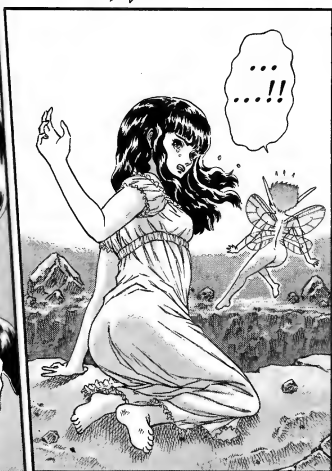


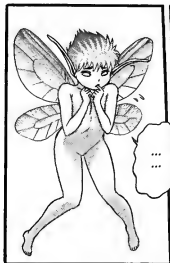








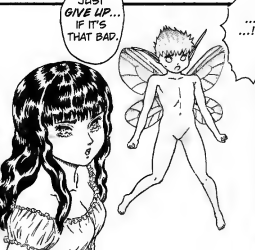
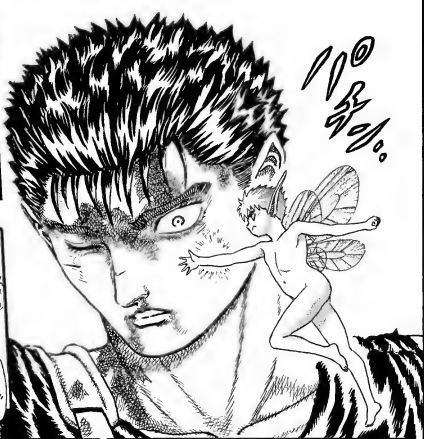


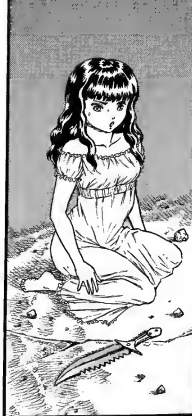












...THE
END OF
YOUR
WORRIES.

THEN
IT'LL
ALL
BE
OVER...

COME ON,
IT'S SIMPLE.
ALL YOU HAVE
TO DO IS SLIT
YOUR WRIST
WITH THAT
THING.



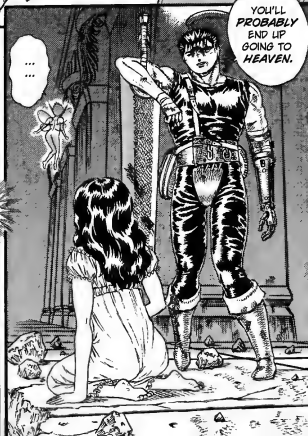
AT LEAST
THAT WAY
YOU MIGHT
GET TO
SEE YOUR
FATHER
AND
MOTHER

OR
WOULD
YOU
PREFER
HELL?

HE'S
SERI-
OUS
...!!



THAT JERK
MEANS WHAT
HE'S SAYING...!!

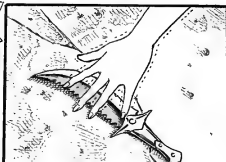


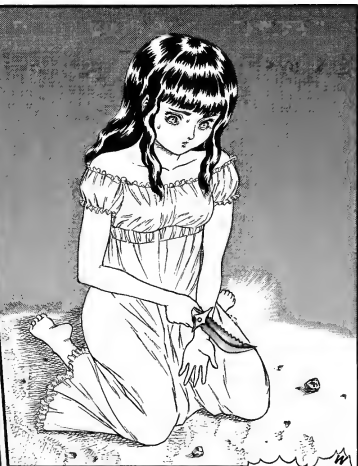
YOU'LL
PROBABLY
END UP
GOING TO
HEAVEN.

...

DO
WHAT
YOU WANT
WITH
IT.

IT'S
YOUR
LIFE.





SNAP OUT OF
IT!! THIS IS
CRAZY!!!



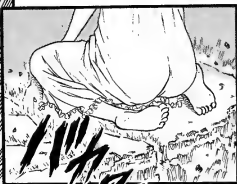
HEY!!
HEY!!
HEY!!

WHOOAH!!

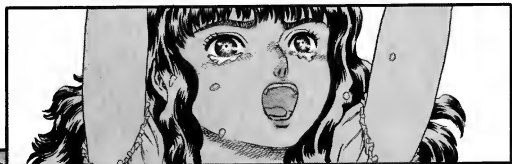
WHADDYA
THINK
YOU'RE
DOING,
THERESIA?!



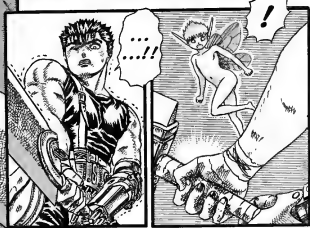
STOP
IT!!!







-UGGHH-



-UGH-





-UHH-

-UHH-



MY GOD,
THAT'S
TERRIBLE...

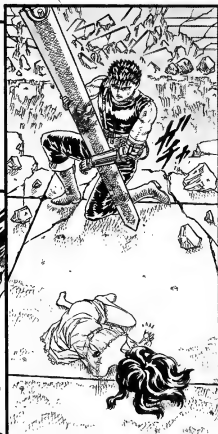
THERESIA,
ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT?!



...

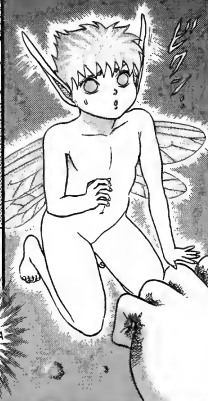


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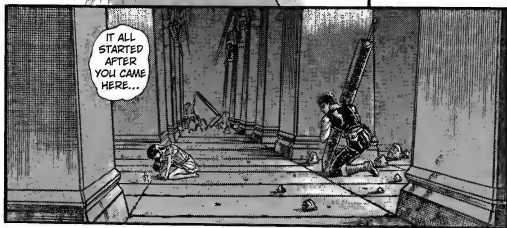




THERESIA
...?



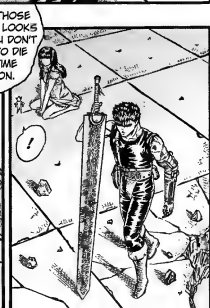
HOLD ON.
LEMMIE TREAT
YOUR WOUNDS
NOW.



IT ALL
STARTED
AFTER
YOU CAME
HERE...



IT'S
ALL
BECAUSE
OF
YOU...



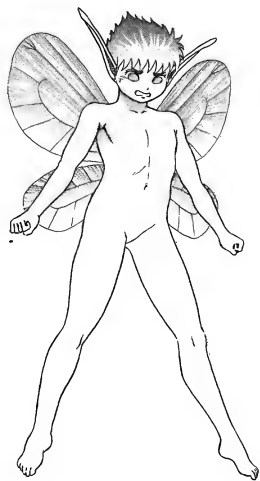






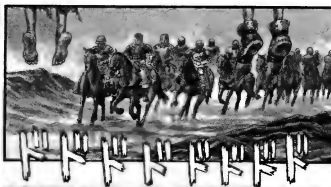


THE GUARDIANS OF DESIRE (6): END



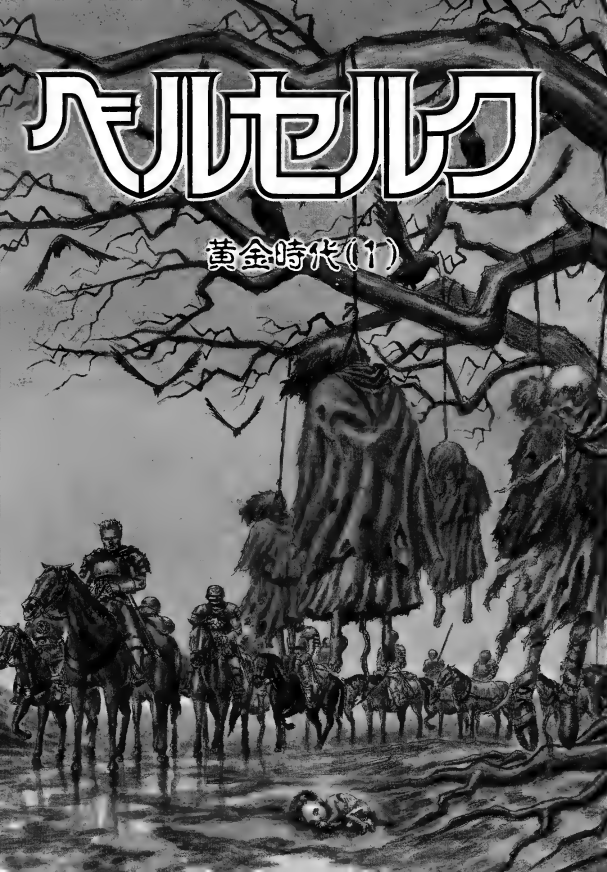
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黄金时代(1)





PRETTY
GRISLY.

WHOA!



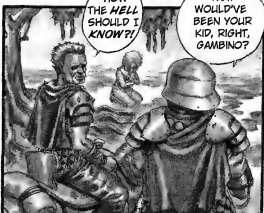
POOR GIRL...SHE'S
BEEN ACTING FUNNY
SINCE HER
MISCARRIAGE THREE
DAYS AGO.

...
...



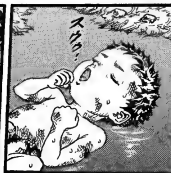
HOW
THE HELL
SHOULD I
KNOW?!

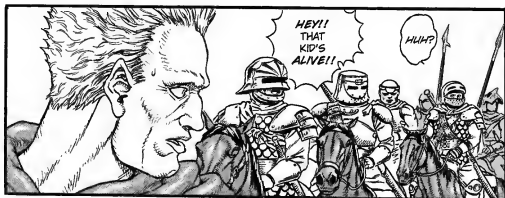
THAT
WOULDN'T
BEEN YOUR
KID, RIGHT,
GAMBINO?

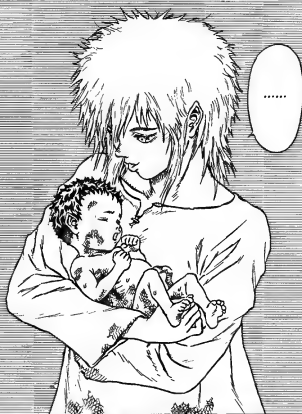


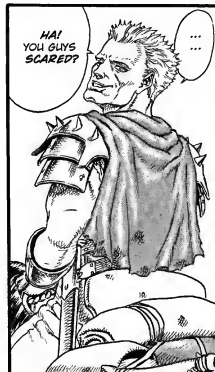
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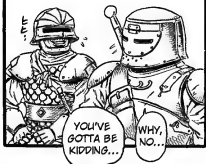












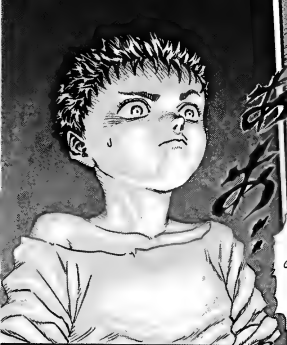
THREE
YEARS
LATER...

SHE'S
GOT THE
PLAGUE...!!

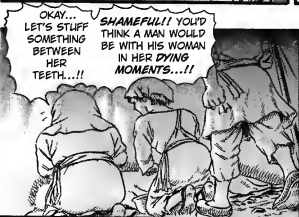
GUTS!!
GET OUT
OF
HERE!!

HOLD
ON,
SHISU!!

IF YOU GET
INFECTED,
IT'LL BE THE
END OF
YOU TOO!!



GUTS....!!



OKAY...
LET'S STUFF
SOMETHING
BETWEEN
HER
TEETH....!!

SHAMEFUL!! YOU'D
THINK A MAN WOULD
BE WITH HIS WOMAN
IN HER DYING
MOMENTS....!!

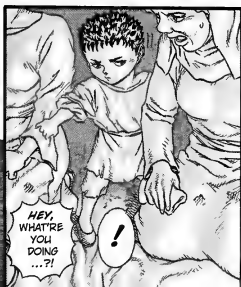


HE WON'T
COME. HE'S
IN THE
MIDDLE
OF A
SIEGE.

WHERE'S
GAMBINO?



GUTS
...

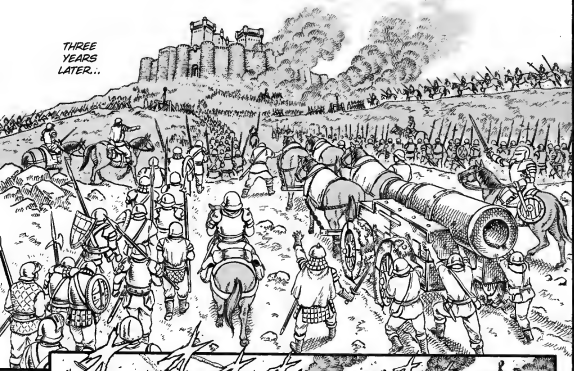


HEY,
WHAT'RE
YOU
DOING
...?!

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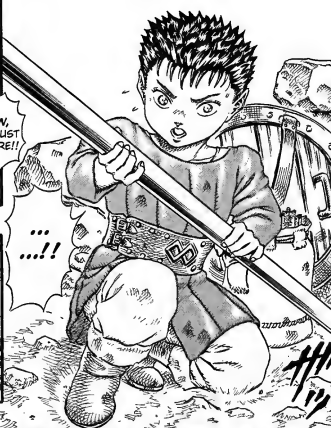
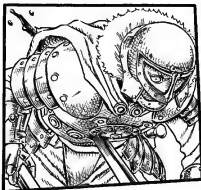


THREE
YEARS
LATER..



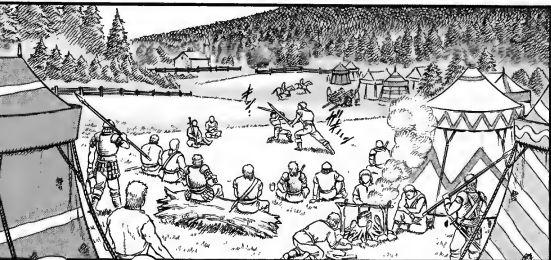
A SPEAR...
GIMME A
SPEAR!!

YO,
GUTS!!









GAMBINO,
YOU'RE GOING
TOO FAR. YOU
CAN'T EXPECT
TO TEACH
SWORDFIGHTING
TO A SIX-
YEAR-OLD
KID.



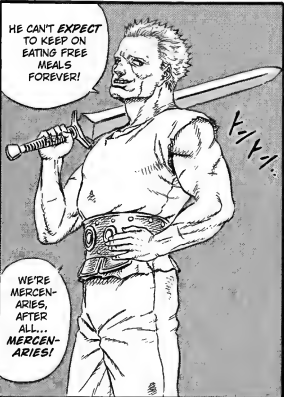
C'MON,
WE'RE
NOT
DANCING
HERE!!



...
...!!



HE'S GOTTA
EARN HIS
OWN BREAD
AROUND
HERE.



HE CAN'T EXPECT
TO KEEP ON
EATING FREE
MEALS
FOREVER!

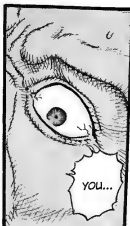
WE'RE
MERCEN-
ARIES,
AFTER
ALL...
MERCEN-
ARIES!



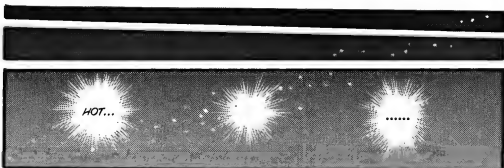
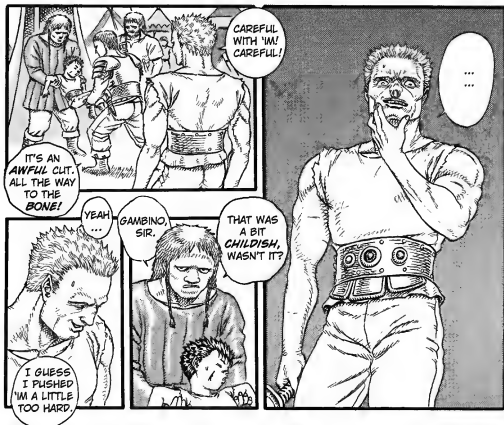
THAT'S FINE,
BUT GUTS,
WHY DON'T YOU
USE A SWORD
MORE YOUR
SIZE?

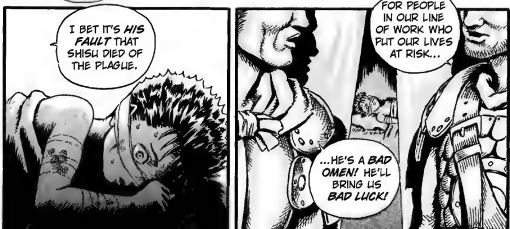
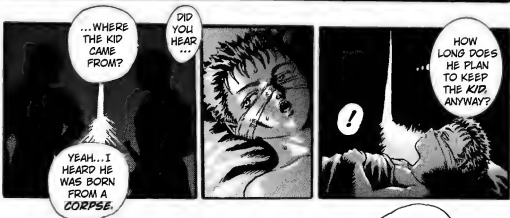
NO
!!



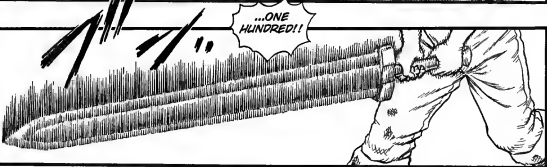
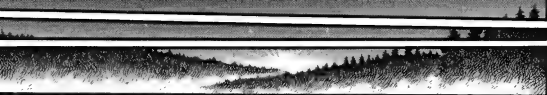


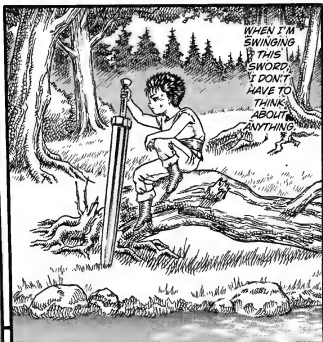
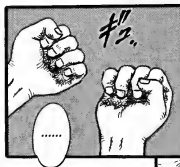


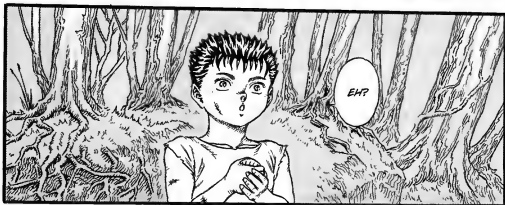
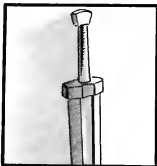








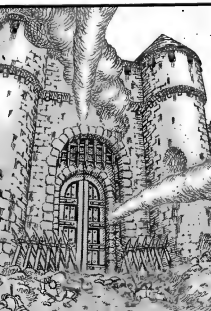
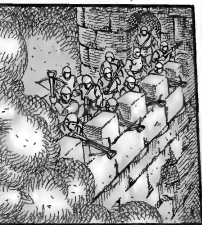




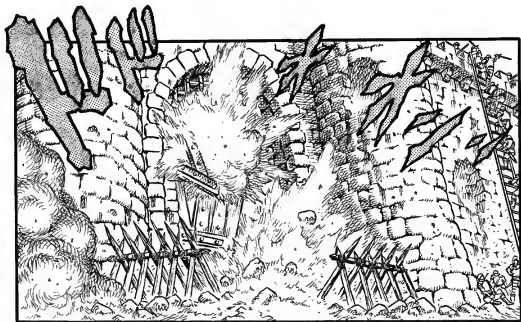




PERHAPS
IT WAS FOR
NO OTHER
REASON THAN
TO SOOTHE
HIS GUILTY
CONSCIENCE...



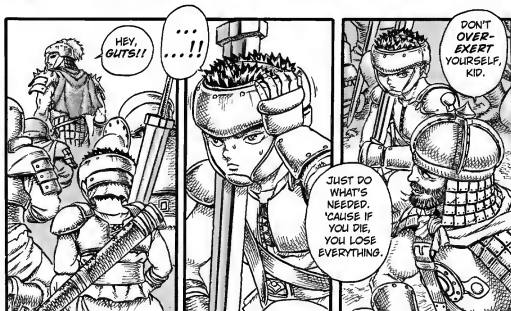
THREE
YEARS
LATER...





FIRST
ONE
THERE
TAKES
ALL!!

LET'S
MAKE
SOME
MONEY!!

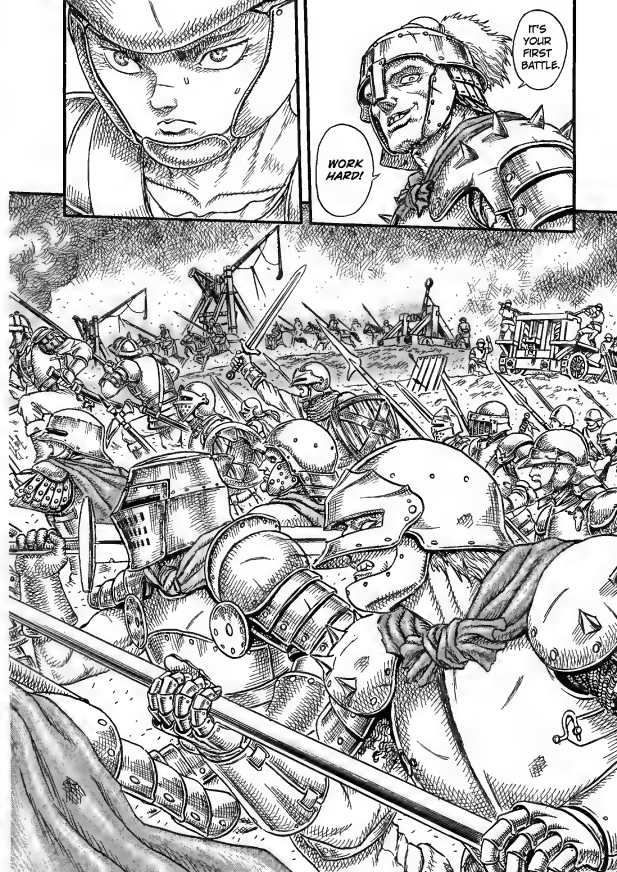


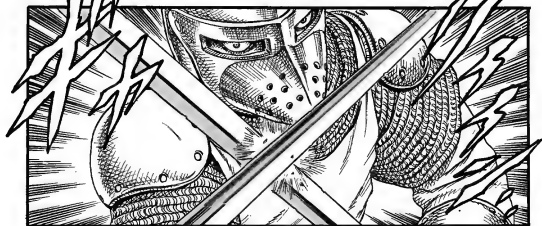
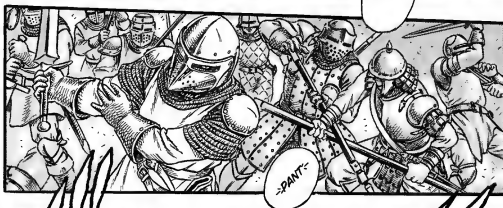
HEY,
GUTS!!

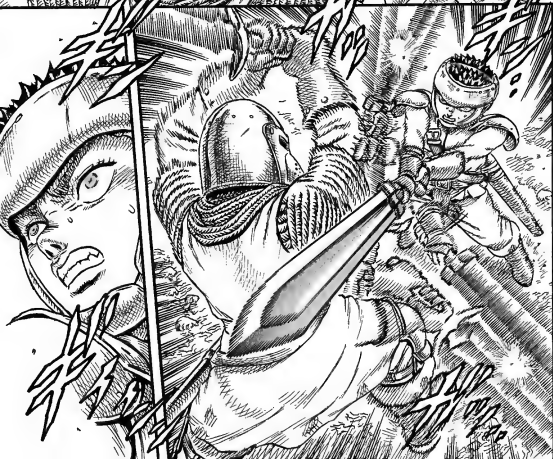
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...!!

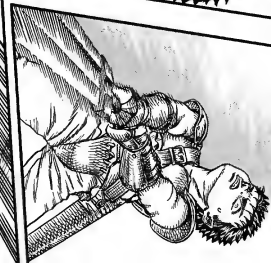
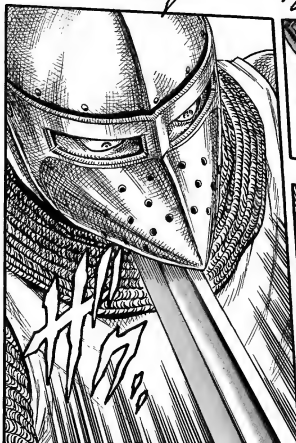
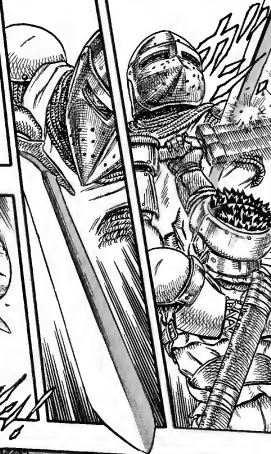
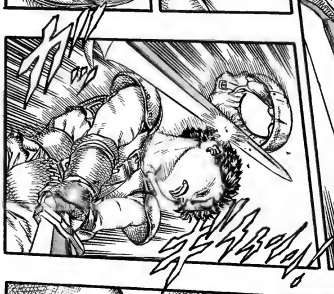
DON'T
OVER-
EXERT
YOURSELF,
KID.

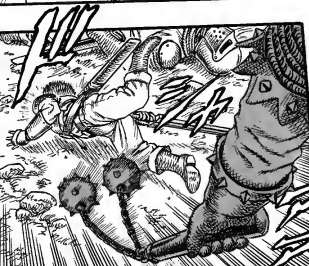
JUST DO
WHAT'S
NEEDED.
'CAUSE IF
YOU DIE,
YOU LOSE
EVERYTHING.

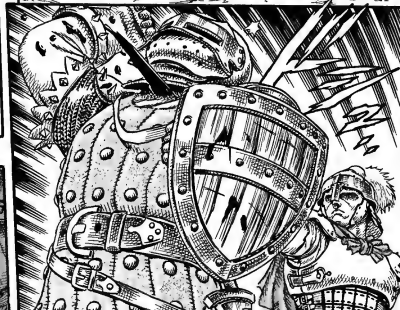


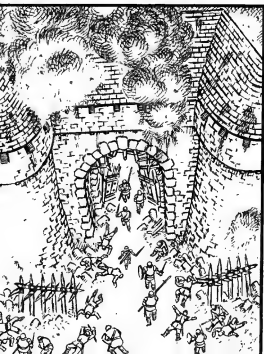
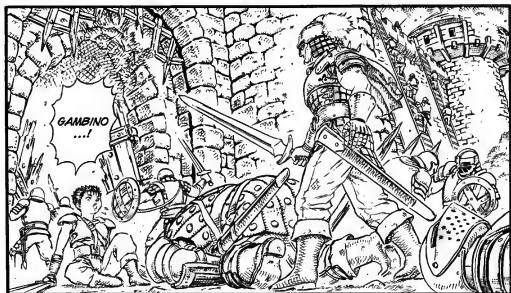




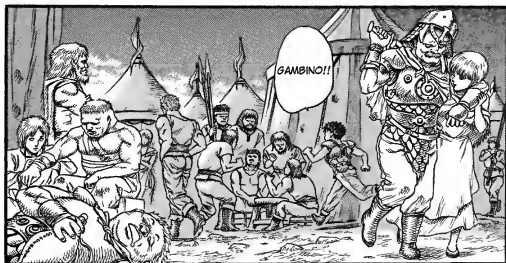


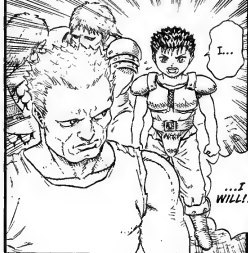












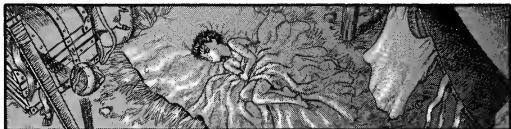
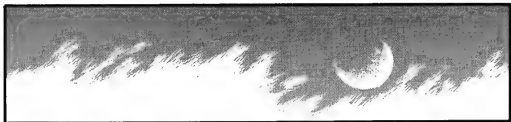


SOMETHIN'
I CAN
DO FOR
YOU,
DONOVAN?

WHAT
?



GAM-
BINO.

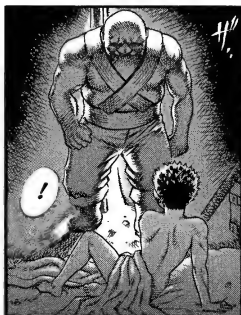


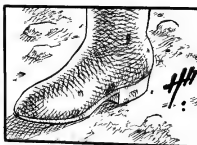
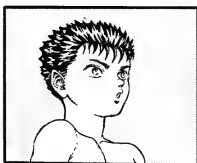
...I CAN'T
STOP
SHAKING!!

WHENEVER
IT GETS
TO BE
THIS
TIME...



ガッガッ







THE GOLDEN AGE (1): END

ALMA

STOP

This is the back of the book!

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BERSERK

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